

Record of expenditures and receipts. not to exceed the amount necessary for the proper care, repair, maintenance, and operation of the bridge and its approaches. An accurate record of the amount paid for acquiring the bridge and its approaches, the expenditures for operating, repairing, and maintaining the same, and of the daily tolls collected shall be kept, and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.

Sworn statement of construction costs, etc., to be filed after completion. SEC. 6. The said Tacony-Palmyra Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, shall within ninety days after the completion of such bridge file with the Secretary of War a sworn itemized statement showing the actual original cost of constructing such bridge and its approaches, the actual cost of acquiring any interest in real property necessary therefor, and the actual financing and promotion costs. The Secretary of War may, at any time within three years after the completion of such bridge, investigate the actual cost of constructing the same and for such purpose the said Tacony-Palmyra Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, shall make available all of its records in connection with the financing and the construction thereof. The findings of the Secretary of War as to the actual original cost of the bridge shall be conclusive, subject only to review in a court of equity for fraud or gross mistake.

Investigation by Secretary of War. SEC. 7. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act, is hereby granted to the said Tacony-Palmyra Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, and any corporation to which or any person to whom such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or who shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such corporation or person.

Findings of Secretary conclusive. SEC. 8. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Right to sell, etc., conferred. Approved, January 25, 1927.

Amendment.

January 25, 1927.
[S. 564.]
[Public, No. 570.]

Public lands. Grants to States of common school sections extended to mineral sections. CHAP. 57.—An Act Confirming in States and Territories title to lands granted by the United States in the aid of common or public schools.

Exceptions. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, subject to the provisions of subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section, the several grants to the States of numbered sections in place for the support or in aid of common or public schools be, and they are hereby, extended to embrace numbered school sections mineral in character, unless land has been granted to and/or selected by and certified or approved, to any such State or States as indemnity or in lieu of any land so granted by numbered sections.

Titles vested in the States. (a) That the grant of numbered mineral sections under this Act shall be of the same effect as prior grants for the numbered non-mineral sections, and titles to such numbered mineral sections shall vest in the States at the time and in the manner and be subject to all the rights of adverse parties recognized by existing law in the grants of numbered nonmineral sections.

Existing rights protected. (b) That the additional grant made by this Act is upon the express condition that all sales, grants, deeds, or patents for any of the lands so granted shall be subject to and contain a reservation to the State of all the coal and other minerals in the lands so sold, granted, deeded or patented, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same. The coal and other mineral deposits in such lands shall be subject to lease by the State as the State legislature may direct, the proceeds of rentals and royalties therefrom

Mineral rights on sold lands reserved to the States.

Leases authorized.

to be utilized for the support or in aid of the common or public schools: *Provided*, That any lands or minerals disposed of contrary to the provisions of this Act shall be forfeited to the United States by appropriate proceedings instituted by the Attorney General for that purpose in the United States district court for the district in which the property or some part thereof is located.

Proviso.
Forfeiture for disposal contrary to provisions hereof.

(c) That any lands included within the limits of existing reservations of or by the United States, or specifically reserved for water-power purposes, or included in any pending suit or proceedings in the courts of the United States, or subject to or included in any valid application, claim, or right initiated or held under any of the existing laws of the United States, unless or until such application, claim, or right is relinquished or canceled, and all lands in the Territory of Alaska, are excluded from the provisions of this Act.

Lands within existing reservations, etc., excluded.

SEC. 2. That nothing herein contained is intended or shall be held or construed to increase, diminish, or affect the rights of States under grants other than for the support of common or public schools by numbered school sections in place, and this Act shall not apply to indemnity or lieu selections or exchanges or the right hereafter to select indemnity for numbered school sections in place lost to the State under the provisions of this or other Acts, and all existing laws governing such grants and indemnity or lieu selections and exchanges are hereby continued in full force and effect.

Alaska lands excluded.

Rights of States under other grants, indemnities, etc., not affected.

Existing laws governing, continued in force.

Approved, January 25, 1927.

CHAP. 58.—An Act Making appropriations for the Treasury and Post Office Departments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928, and for other purposes.

January 26, 1927.
[H. R. 14557.]
[Public, No. 571.]

TITLE I—TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Treasury Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928, namely:

Treasury Department appropriations.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Secretary's Office.

Salaries: Secretary of the Treasury, \$15,000; Undersecretary of the Treasury, \$10,000; three Assistant Secretaries of the Treasury, and other personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, \$125,000; in all, \$150,000: *Provided*, That in expending appropriations or portions of appropriations contained in this Act for the payment of personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, the average of the salaries of the total number of persons under any grade in any bureau, office, or other appropriation unit shall not at any time exceed the average of the compensation rates specified for the grade by such Act, and in grades in which only one position is allocated the salary of such position shall not exceed the average of the compensation rates for the grade, except that in unusually meritorious cases of one position in a grade advances may be made to rates higher than the average of the compensation rates of the grade, but not more often than once in any fiscal year and then only to the next higher rate: *Provided*, That this restriction shall not apply (1) to grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the clerical-mechanical service, or (2) to require the reduction in salary of any person whose compensation was fixed, as of July 1, 1924, in accord-

Secretary, Undersecretary, Assistants, and office personnel.

Proviso.
Salaries limited to average rates under Classification.
Vol. 42, p. 1488.

If only one person in a grade.

Advances in unusually meritorious cases.

Restriction not applicable to clerical-mechanical service.

No reduction in fixed salaries.
Vol. 42, p. 1490.